Bob Watkins
Sports In Kentucky

Skywalkin' and things.

Kentucky's Kenny Walker has established himself as the premier forward in the Southeastern Conference and the 6-6 junior may be the best in America off his performance the last five games.

Perhaps lost in here somewhere is this: Walker may also be blossoming into the most entertaining player in the college game today. His style of play is something special to watch and the adulation that comes with it seems not to phase this nice young fellow. Certainly not in my 15 winters covering *The Game* in Kentucky have I seen a player with quite the repertoire of gifts Walker has — flair, hang time, unselfishness and sixth sense of where he is on the floor at a given moment. And Walker has the savvy for helping his coaches, that is demonstrating to his teammates "how" this game should be played.

But it has been the way Walker has gotten to where he is as impressive as his performance recently. Hard work and knowing how to seize an opportunity when it comes.

"I realize I have to take over sometimes," he said quietly last week. "In clutch situations I want the ball in my hands."

No brag, or prima donna gloat here. It was like the grizzled sergeant who knows "somebody's gotta take that hill. Might as well be me."

Away from the court Walker has mostly discounted the media fuss about how wonderful he is and that's refreshing from an athlete too.

"Basically I'm just a quiet person," he said.

Instead, Walker is genuinely more energized by a "swish in the lane" and the adoring crowds at Rupp Arena and Freedom Hall who respond so to his play.

By virtue of his performances last week and this, Walker has become supremely confident and it shows in his face during the action. He is like the proverbial baseball hitter on a hot streak who believes he can hit any pitch because the ball looks so big. Walker wants the basketball because the basket looks to be four feet across right now. He can't miss. Everything is going in.

The residual effect of all this—to the delight of UK fans—is that Walker's current state of mind and level of performance is contagious. His teammates are tuned in to him.

A coaching staff can do only so much for young players. There is a point at which only high level performances by the team leader can make the pieces fit, the system hum, and victories follow.

Kenny Walker is a pleasure to watch for fans, teammates and media types too.

Growing up' scene

SCENE I: Early in the Auburn game UK Coach Joe B. Hall got up off the bench, clutched his customary rolled up game program as if it were a schoolmaster's cane (and it is), and shouted to playermaker Roger Harden. "Roger! Take it to the corner."

Dutifully, Harden barked to his teammates and swung the offense toward the right side. He whipped a pass down the wing to Winston Bennett, who promptly bounced the ball inside to Richard Madison. The freshman did not hesitate, but whirled across the lane and dropped off a dandy pass to Kenny Walker.

UK's Skywalker rose up above the Kentucky white and Auburn black jerseys and dropped one down.

The Rupp Arena crowd of 22,847 went bonkers. UK's Hall did not smile, but tapped the program into the palm of his left hand, and sat back down.

The work, the teaching, the frustrations, the losing. Suddenly, the way it is at the end of any bout camp, the worst seemed to have taken on a past tense. Here was a new threshold for the UKs.

Fun time.

Sanity and winning basketball may have come back to Kentucky. And for those fans who count themselves as card carrying, "true Big Blue" types, sanity and winning are one in the same.

SCENE II. Not only has UK's young club started to show some dividends from its time in the Joe B. Hall Academy of Spit, Polish and Discipline, the Wildcats displayed (one get this, Adolph), a new rendition of an old missile system, the fast break. It looked to be a (nice) return to the traditions established hard in Alumni Gym and Memorial Coliseum, lo' these many years ago.

Certainly, this Kentucky team is suited to the Adolph Rupp 'get out and go' style.

Auburn Coach Sonny Smith: "Kentucky's like us in that they've got growing pains. Any young team needs experience and the real question with Kentucky, it seems to me, is can these either teams get 'em before they grow up, get that experience."

UK notes

■ Grade cards. Not only does Kentucky have a sparkling win streak underway, but five Wildcats scored a 3.0-or-better grade-point average for the just-completed fall semester. They are: Bret Bearup, Winston Bennett, Troy McKinley, Ed Davender and Robert Lock.

Bearup and Bennett have qualified for academic All-Southeastern Conference by averaging better than 3.0 for two consecutive semesters.

"I'm really proud of these guys for their accomplishments in the classroom," Coach Joe Hall said. "They've worked hard and it's paid off. I'm just as proud of those grades as I am when they play well on the court."

■ UK is now in its ninth season in Rupp Arena and the Wildcats have a 118-12 won-lost record, a .90.8 win percentage.

■ Kentucky's victory over North Carolina State was Joe B. Hall's 285th career victory. After the Vandy win Monday, UK has 16 regular season dates and the SEC Tournament in which to give Hall No. 300.

Comment: The way Kentucky has played in its last six outings, don't discount the possibility that Hall will get it this season.

If you have an opinion, you would like to share, write to Bob Watkins, Rt. 1, Glendale, Ky. 42740. ■

Colts cheerleaders

Center, Favia Pope. 2nd row, l-r, Michelle Bussell, Laura Taber. Back row, Tracy Mattox, Regina Gaunce and Susan Coldiron. — Mercury photo

Little League Colts

Front, l-r, John Liver, Robert Lang Jr., Jim Compton, Joe Compton, Given Jennings. 2nd row, Jerry Watkins, Walter Jackson, Mike Henderson, Shawn Conyers, James Anderson. Back row, Bob Long, assistant coach, and Gary Williams, coach. — Mercury photo

Bluejackets fall in Burley opener

by Lesley Duncan

Nicholas County traveled to the Mason County Fieldhouse Wednesday, January 2, to play the Bracken County Polar Bears in the opening round of Mason's Burley Tournament.

Bracken County had excellent long range shooting in the early going to take a 20-10 lead at the end of the first quarter.

The Bluejackets used a full court pressing defense in the second quarter to pull within four points, but Bracken widened the gap to 10 at halftime, 30-22.

The Bluejackets again cut the lead to four in the third quarter but Bracken lead at quarter's end by nine, 45-33. The Polar Bears maintained their lead and won the game 61-56.

Bracken County was led in scoring by Andy Reynolds with 17 points and Jon Bibker with 14. Bracken outrebounded the Bluejackets 30-28.

Gary Dotson led the Jackets with 17 points, followed closely by Darren Robinson with 16. Robinson led Nicholas rebounds with 10.

The Bluejackets play host to Richmond Model Friday, January 11. They are at home again Tuesday, January 15, when they play Harrison County.

Little League cage results

WEEK NO. 9

A-Team:
Hawkins (29): Jarrid Wills 4, Pat Phillips 5, Todd Gaines 2, Brad Gaines 4, Greg Gibson 4.
Cubs (5): James Anderson 3, Jerry Watkins 2.

Demons (36): Brad Brierly 15, Raymond Brown 4, Larry King 2.
Bears (23): Mike Johnson 8, Johnny Scott 4.
Hawks (26): Brian Shawder 4, Shane Hughes 12, Brad Allison 4, Craig Jones 4.
Patriots (1): Israel Sharp 1.
Jets (38): Travis Sims 8, David Elliott 8, Todd Quinn 2.
Raiders (16): Mark Lawrie 2, Nate Hunt 4, Kenny Bryant 2, Benjie Frederick 4.

B-Team:
Rookies (8): David Pruitt 4, Greg Gibin 2, Jeremy Chaney 2.
Colts (2): Jerry Watkins 2.

Demons (8):
Bears (8):
Patriots (2): Anthony Crump 2.
Hawks (2): Brian Livingood 2.
Jets (8): Kevin Watkins 8.
Raiders (2): Benjie Frederick 4, Mike Trusty 1.

Standings — Hawks 8-0, Hornets 8-1, Jets 8-1, Demons 6-2, Raiders 4-4, Patriots 4-4, Rookies 3-5, Bears 3-5, Colts 1-6, Rebels 0-7.

Games scheduled:
Saturday, Jan. 12 — 5 p.m. Rebels vs Raiders, 6 p.m. Patriots vs Bears, 7 p.m. Jets vs Colts, 8 p.m. Hornets vs Demons.
Sunday, Jan. 13 — 1 p.m. Hornets vs Patriots, 2 p.m. Rebels vs Rookies, 3 p.m. Bears vs Hawks, 4 p.m. Demons vs Colts.

Candidacy Announcement For County Clerk

We are authorized to announce Larry Thompson as a candidate for Nicholas County Clerk with Virginia Dare Crump as Deputy. Candidacy subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, May 28, 1985.

— Paid for by Judy Thompson

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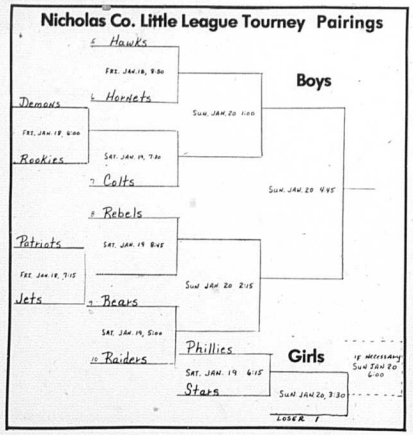

Saltwell ..... by Mrs. Fred Hollar

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Nichols Sr. entertained with a dinner on Saturday honoring the fourth birthday of their son, Jerry Jr. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Mac Nichols, Mr. and Mrs. David Taylor and Alice, Pamela and David Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Mac Nichols Jr., Mrs. Tina Kenney and James, Chrystal and Charlie Nichols, Jamie and Scott Kenney.

Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Gunn and Daniel, Mr. and Mrs. Timmy Gunn, Tabatha and Timothy, Bonnie Gaunce, Andy and Kenney, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Campbell spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gaunce.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McCord, Eric and Dustin were Thursday supper guests of Mrs. Hassel Snapp.

Miss Jamie Kenney and Scott spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Terry Kenney and sons of Carlisle.

Miss Frances Barlow visited Mrs. Martin Feeback on Thursday. Other visitors on Saturday and Sunday were Paula Snapp, Lisa Feeback, Wynan Smith and Edith Tolson, Ruth Scott and Denise Stone, Sunday being Mrs. Feeback's birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Kupfahl, Youngstown, OH, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Anderson, Toby, Eric and Nicholas of Canyon City, CA, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Pulliam, Kimberly Ann and Abbie Larkly, Lexington, spent Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Mattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Snapp and Danielle, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Snapp, Mrs. Victor Kappeler and son Aaron, Lexington, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Snapp and Danielle, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Snapp and baby, Mrs. Judy Vaughn and family were Sunday dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Snapp and family.

Mrs. Jim Bigstall and family of North Middletown spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Thacker and family.

Mrs. Hassel Snapp was in Fleming County the past week and attended the wedding of Miss Christeed Cropper and Jimmie Dale Jones on Tuesday. A lovely reception followed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Crain. Mrs. Snapp also spent Tuesday night and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Cropper, also of Fleming County.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollar and Rev. and Mrs. Howard Livingood, Mrs. Mary Ritchie and Nikki visited Mrs. Pearlie Morris and Mrs. Allie Cordray of Cynthiana during the the past week.

Norman Anderson of La Grange visited Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Mattox on Monday.

Roy J. Snapp, Cincinnati, visited Mr. and Mrs. Freddie Gaunce a short while on Saturday.

Mrs. Gladys Kenney returned home Saturday after spending the past two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kenney and sons, Greg and Jason of Covington.

Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Sheffield and sons John and Bruce returned the past week from a visit with Mrs. Flossie Sheffield and Mrs. Kathleen Lucas of Mobile Co., AL.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Mattox entertained with a birthday party the following, honoring Amanda's second birthday: Mr. and Mrs. Jennings Mattox, Mrs. Eva Massie, Mrs. Joyce Dampier, Tracy and Joanie, Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Mattox, Mrs. Phillip Mattox and Brandon, Mrs. Maud Bartlett, Mrs. Renee Massie and Justin and Whitney.

Rev. and Mrs. Lonnie Coleman spent several days the past two weeks visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wachtel, Bowen, Ohio. Rev. Coleman's parents, Rev. and Mrs. Milan Coleman and several of their relatives were also there, as well as his maternal grandparents of Genoa, Neb., who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ellington and son Hans, Loudon, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Hassan Ellington and Mr. and Mrs. Donald Riggs and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Riggs during Christmas week.

Mrs. Albert Snapp spent Monday with Miss Frances Barlow.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Snapp Sr. spent Thursday and Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Snapp, Leitchfield, Ky. Chad and Charity Land, Lexington, returned home with them for a few days.

Mrs. Diane Smith and Shellie and Denise Stone spent Monday night and Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Gary Hollar, Chris and Tracy.

A watch night service was conducted at the Rose Hill Church on Monday night, December 31. Several of the adults were in charge and refreshments were served nearing the close.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Feeback, Burgin, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Graham and daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. James Campbell, Finley, Ohio, spent Saturday night and Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. John Wilson and Jeff.

Gayle Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Sapp and Jennifer enjoyed a family supper on Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Beckett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Blakeman entertained with a birthday dinner on Saturday night honoring Pennie's 18th birthday. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kennedy, Dana Blakeman and friend Christie, Martha and Daley Kennedy, Kenneth Coleman and Drew Cornett.

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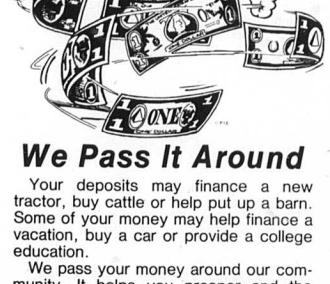

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